

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

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In re application of:  
Pickering et al.

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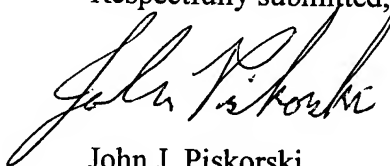
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the present divisional application, please cancel claims 1-19.

Respectfully submitted,



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